BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 11:30AM
10 S Congress St., Aberdeen, SD 57401
605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

Present: Dennis Feickert, Drew Dennert, Tyler Bierman
Absent: Landon Ellingson, Troy Knecht

Tyler Bierman called the meeting to order.

Dennis Feickert motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Drew Dennert motioned to approve the September minutes, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Drew Dennert motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried

Old Business:
none

New Business:
Request for Local Noxious Weed Designation
The local designation for musk and plumeless thistle as noxious weeds is set to expire at the end of 2026. Chris Hemen requested that the Weed & Pest Board request the State Weed & Pest Commission to renew this designation for the next 3 years. Dennis Feickert motioned to have musk and plumeless thistle renewed as a locally designated noxious weed, seconded by Drew Dennert; motion carried.
Chris Hemen suggested that common mullein also be added to the local noxious weed list as we have found some on the edge of the county. He stated it could be beneficial to have it on our list so that it can be treated before it becomes an even bigger problem. Dennis Feickert motioned to have common mullein added to the request to the State Weed & Pest Commission to be added as a locally noxious weed in Brown County, seconded by Drew Dennert; motion carried.

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update
The Weed & Pest Board received a complaint regarding some CRP in Aberdeen TWP, SW Quarter of Section 27, Township 123, Range 64. Chris Hemen inspected the area on 10/13/26 and noticed a sizeable infestation of sow thistle, Canada thistle, wormwood, and bull thistle. He contacted the landowner and advised that a fall application of chemical would be the best control method. He followed up with the landowner on 10/27/26 and was informed that a drone sprayer was hired and just waiting for a break in the weather to go out and spray the CRP with DuraCor. Hemen will inspect the area next week and follow up as necessary.

Our second round of right-of-way spraying is completed and we are now working on doing as many townships as we can before a hard freeze hits. So far we have 4 townships treated. We also have a couple private spray jobs lined up, along with bridges and rip-rap. We still plan on spraying as long as the weather allows, so our last day in the shop will most likely be November 6th or November 20th.

The new spray truck is nearly ready to put into service. The sprayer has been built and installed, so now we are just finishing putting on warning lights, 2-way radio, safety items, and other electronics. We look to be about $10,000 under budget as of now.

Other Matters/Public Comment:
none

Next Meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30AM in the Weed & Pest office.

Dennis Feickert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Hemen
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor